# #ASKINDIAWHY GLOBAL FARMERS STRIKE FIRST WAVE

WILL YOU BE PART OF THE LARGEST PROTEST IN HUMAN HISTORY?

TO STAND UP AGAINST INDIA'S FAILING DEMOCRACY (AT THE BEHEST OF THE FASCISTIC RULING PARTY, RSS-BJP).

TO STAND UP AGAINST UNREGULATED CORPORATISATION OF THE FARMING SECTOR.

### URGENT ACTIONS

- 1. TwitterStorm on 4th and 5th February, 2021 11 am to 2 pm UTC (Briefing doc & Zoom link)
- 2. Share solidarity Photo/Video Message by email to <a href="mailto:scrapfarmacts@gmail.com">scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</a>, preferably by 5th February, latest by 6th February (<a href="mailto:solidarity:messages">solidarity:messages</a> for farmers at Delhi's border).
- 3. Write to us at <a href="mailto:scrapfarmacts@gmail.com">scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</a> if you would like a session organised to understand the local context with environmental activists and experts in India.
- 4. Call/Email any of your govt representatives and ask them to take action, Sign online Petitions and take action to Divest from monopolists and oligopolists like Adani-Ambani.
- 5. **Organise an on-ground action** near the closest Indian Embassy, Media House or your local Govt. office on **13th/14th February, 2020**. Share pictures on social media and with us.

# **PRIOR ACTIONS**

- **1. Share solidarity Photo/Video Message** by email to <a href="mailto:scrapfarmacts@gmail.com">scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:preferably-by-25th">preferably by 25th January (solidarity messages)</a> for farmers at Delhi's border).
- 2. <u>Digital Strike</u>: #AskIndiaWhy Video/Photo Message On or Before 26th January.
- TweetStorm 23rd January onwards 11:30 pm UTC / 5 pm IST Feel free to tag @PMOIndia, @nstomar (Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare), your own heads of state & others who ought to take note, like the IMF, WTO, FAO, World Bank (Tweetbank)
- **4. Zoom session (Ask your Questions)** with a Greens with Farmers' Coalition representative from Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture on 23rd January, 2020 (We will be happy to organise another session. Write to us at <a href="mailto:scrapfarmacts@gmail.com">scrapfarmacts@gmail.com</a>)
- **5. XR** Global **Insta Live** at 9:30 am UTC / 3 pm IST\* on **26th January** (**India's Republic Day**) with farmers at the borders of Delhi and environmental workers & activists worldwide.
- **6. Physical Actions** Near Indian Embassies, Govt. offices, Media houses (or even Adani-Ambani offices) globally **26th January.**
- **7.** Watch out for (or Join) the **Farmers' March / Parade** (a first of its kind) into Delhi and back to the borders on 26th January.
- 8. Call/Email any of your govt representatives and ask them to take action, Sign online Petitions and take action to Divest from monopolists and oligopolists like Adani-Ambani.

(\*tentative time)

# Get a complete picture through the <u>Farmers Protests' Cheat-sheet</u> [#AskIndiaWhy]

# How can you help?

# 1. Participate in (or organise an) on-ground protest.

On 26th January, a major day of globally coordinated actions, Show your support at local physical locations, wherever you are. Either find protests happening in your city/state/country and participate in large (or small) numbers or organize one. In addition to the options below, you are encouraged to organise solidarity protests either **at/near Indian Embassies**, near your local Govt. offices or offices of various multinational Adani and Ambani companies. While we are focusing on the 26th, you are encouraged to continue organising gatherings as and when possible - for this is not going to end anytime soon. Do share details by email so we can update (scrapfarmacts@gmail.com).

Farmers Protests - Live Global Map | Find A Protest

#### Resources to help organise:

- <u>Campaign Material</u> & <u>Social Media Template</u> by Poetic
   <u>Justice/www.AskIndiaWhy.com</u>?
- Greens With Farmers' Youth Coalition Informational Toolkit
  - Posters & Graphics #ScrapFarmActs

#### 2. More ways to participate (from 21st - 26th February, 2021)

#### A. #StandWithFarmers Solidarity Video

Record a **video** (preferably in landscape mode) to share your message of support to protesting farmers. **OR** Hold a poster/paper/chart/card with a solidarity message anywhere in your city/town/village and take **pictures**. Compilation of videos & photos will be shown to protesting farmers at different protest sites (Singhu Border & Tikri Border). It will first be projected on a screen there, and then shared on social media & other platforms around 26th January.

**Email** them to globalfarmersstrike@gmail.com or scrapfarmacts@gmail.com, preferably by **23rd** January, **2021** (or by **25th**) (even if later, we will find a way to show the farmers the same). You are also encouraged to share your photos/videos on social media and tag whoever you think should take note.

Click Here: Instructions, Sample clip & messages (in English), in Portuguese & in French

**B.** #AskIndiaWhy & Via Campesina Digital Campaigns on 26th January

- India has a long history of human rights violations, violence, and a cruel indifference for its most vulnerable citizens. On January 26th the government will be celebrating the adoption of its constitution with a military parade, while continuing to perpetuate harmful policies that violate their own Constitution.
- India's farmers & other citizens need the global community to pay attention the
  world needs to know that India is retreating from a democracy, regressing hard by
  rushing headlong into fascism. International focus on these protests may be the only
  thing preventing more state-sponsored violence and another massacre/genocide in
  India.
- And we need your help to do this. On January 26th, we need you to...
   Participate Digitally (if not physically) on 26th January to #AskIndiaWhy. Do share photos / videos on your social media (tag @XRebellionInd, @thepmo, your own head of state & other notables when sharing).
   #AskIndiaWhy Instructions & Sample 'Why' messages
- #ShineOnIndiaFarmers light a candle <u>digital campaign info</u> from <u>Vía Campesina</u>; here are some of their posters)

# C. Take part in Global TweetStorm

Dates: 23rd January & 26th January

**Time:** 05.00PM - 07.00PM IST | 02.30PM - 04.30PM EAT | 12.30AM-02.30PM CET | 11.30AM-01.30PM GMT/UTC | 06.30AM - 08.30AM EST | 03.30AM - 5.30AM PST | 12.30AM - 02.30AM NZT (+1 Day) (11:30 am UTC / 5 PM IST onwards)

Hashtags: #StandwithFarmers #AskIndiaWhy #FarmersProtest

Click here For TweetBank

**Accounts to Tag**: @thepmo, @UNDP, @UNFAO @XRebellionInd (if on Instagram) and @PMOIndia, @UNDP\_India, @nstomar, @XRebellionInd, @timestrolley (if on Twitter). If willing, do tag your Heads of State, the IMF, the WB and/or the WTO.

- D. Zoom Q & A on 23rd January, 2021 at 12:30 am UTC / 6 pm IST with one of the lead representatives of Greens with Farmers (Indian Youth Coalition) & XR Edinburgh, Scotland- feel free to login and ask your questions to find out more about the farmers protest against the Farm bills/acts and the present status of the ongoing "negotiations".
- Extinction Rebellion (Global) Instagram Live on 26th January, 2021 at 9:30 am UTC\* / 3 pm IST with Farmers at the border and other environmental / agri-ecology activists in the country. Check out @extinctionrebellion, @xrebellionind, @yugma network for the same.

(\*subject to change, depending on farmers' March at the border)

#### 3. Other Actions

#### Contact a local Representative

It is paramount to put international pressure on India's Government. Click the buttons below to find templates, contact information on your local representative(s) to do your civic duty, whichever may be your country.

**Call** Your Representatives: Click here for <u>Call Script</u>

**Send Emails** to your govt. representatives: <u>Email Draft Template</u> (in English), in <u>Portuguese</u>, in

<u>French</u>

# Sign Petitions

In less than 1 minute, sign a petition aimed at condemning state violence and demanding the Indian Government to listen to the protestors and not silence and mock their dissent.

- 1. Petition to Abolish the 3 Farm Bills & Support the Protesting Farmers
- 2. Petition to UN Freedom to express dissent is a key pillar of democracy
- How you can petition the UK MPs to support the farmers in India
   (UK MPs are being asked to act now to support India's farmers in two ways:
- Revise the UK approach to aid to India, including the Conceptual Framework on Agriculture and the UK-India Infrastructure Technical Co-Operation Facility (ITCF), which promotes contract farming (one of the issues the farmers are protesting about) and finances consultants to "alleviate bottlenecks to private sector investment in agriculture" in India. (Read: target small and subsistence farmers).
  - [Any project that seeks to improve govt. policy like ITCF Aid should engage with grassroot movements, like farmer unions and civil society sufficiently, but it simply did not]
- Stop exports of pesticides banned in the UK to India and other countries, including Paraquat, which is responsible for thousands of farmer deaths in India - a situation so severe that doctors in India have resorted to hunger strikes demanding a ban on its usage.)
  - Read as to how there is strong interest in UK MPs on this issue and why. The UK is attempting to reform its own agricultural system as it was realised to be detrimental to tackling the climate and biodiversity crisis; it is, therefore, imperative that UK supports India so it does not go down the same path of destruction / exploitation and instead encourage good agro-ecological practices and substantially support the small & marginal farmers.

#### Divest from Ambani and Adani

Billionaires **Mukesh Ambani** and **Gautam Adani** manufacture wealth by working hand-in-hand with the Modi Regime to exploit the world's people, lands and culture. They control major industries and partner up with the world's biggest brands. Do you own products or support companies linked to Adani and Ambani – the billionaires investing heavily in the Farm Bills? Created by ASovereignWorld, *click below* to **hit them where it hurts**: their bottom line.

#### **Click to Start Divesting**

This is a resource to understand all the ways their reach impacts our daily life. This list is being actively updated. Be sure to visit frequently for new information.

- Go to ASovereignWorld.Com > Do I own products linked to Ambani?
- Research by type
- Divest and write to the company
- Repeat

# **More Information - Important Links**

Kisaan Ekta Co. (Farmers United)
Find A Protest and Divest Adani, Ambani
AskIndiaWhy

Trolley Times (Farmers at the borders' Newsweekly)
List of Farmer Deaths at Delhi borders

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RISE UP AND RESIST! THANK YOU! <3